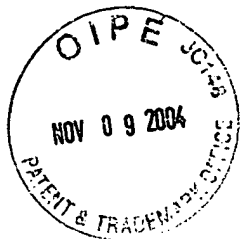


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On page 2 of the Office action, the Examiner states that restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-23, drawn to a medical apparatus or implant, classified in class 623, subclass 2.37.
- II. Claims 24-45, drawn to surgical methods, classified in class 128, subclass 898.